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It's Your Choice!

Directions: When you need to make a decision about something, following certain steps can help. Read the story "Decision Time" (page 12). Then use this chart to help you work through a decision you need to make.

| DECISION-MAKING STEP | EXAMPLE | YOUR DECISION |
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| 1. Figure out your options. | <i>What language class should I take next year? My options are Spanish, French, or German.</i> | |
| 2. Ask yourself: Can I make this decision myself, or do I need help from others? | <i>It may help if I ask my family and friends for advice.</i> | |
| 3. Gather information. | <i>Spanish would be good because I think I want to be a scientist in Costa Rica someday. But French would be handy to know if I visit Paris.</i> | |
| 4. Weigh the pros and cons. | <i>Spanish is offered at the same time as art class. But my friends say the Spanish teacher is a lot of fun. I can take the art class later.</i> | |
| 5. Think about the alternatives. | <i>If I take French, I can take the art class. If I choose German, though, I can take the class with some of my friends.</i> | |
| 6. Make your decision and follow through. | <i>I choose Spanish class.</i> | |